

The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at [www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons](http://www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons).

**CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)**

- *Do you have relatives or close friends that have passed away? What do you remember about them?*
- *What do you want to be remembered for when you when you leave this earth?*

**APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)**

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10. In his message, John asked **three questions about the church in Thessalonica**.

**Three Important Questions About The Church In Thessalonica:****1. What kind of difference did they make? (vs. 8)**

- The Thessalonian church was impacting the entire region, and the world, with the Gospel.
  - *What is Saylorville Church known for in our community?*
  - *Are there things we should be better known for that we aren't doing right now?*
  - *If every Cell Group was just like your Cell Group, what would our neighbors assume about Christianity?*

**2. What were they doing to make such a difference? (vs. 9-10)**

- They turned to God from idols - *What are the idols you need to turn away from right now?*
- They served the living God with joy even in the midst of suffering - *What is the connection between service and joy? Are you a joyful person? What could you do to experience more joy in your life?*
- They were waiting for the return of Jesus - *When you think of Christ's return, how do you respond?*

**3. What can we learn from this church so that we can make a difference today?**

- *Which of these five lessons is the most personal to you this week? What will you do about it?*
  1. Rapidly turn to God
  2. Remember that God is the hero of the story
  3. Realize that the world is watching
  4. Resist dependency on the "gifted people"
  5. Ready yourself for the return of Christ and see it as a motivator for evangelism

**My greatest fear is not that I will be unsuccessful, but that I will be highly successful in the things that don't matter.**

**PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)**

- Pray that you will live this week in a way that is successful at making a difference for eternity.

